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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The 2010 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) Program

FROM: Lek Kadeji
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TO: Assistant Administrators
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It is a pleasure to announce this year's call for nominations for the 2010 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) program. STAA is an Agency-wide competition, judged by the Science Advisory Board (SAB), which recognizes outstanding published scientific and technical papers by the Agency's staff. This year's nominations will be accepted via electronic submission to nominations.staa@epa.gov.

I am also pleased to announce that, in an effort to encourage greater participation from across the Agency, the 2010 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) program will expand the types of eligible publications on a pilot basis. Research and project reports from across EPA will be eligible for submission in 2010. Other aspects of the STAA program, such as the evaluation criteria, will not significantly change.

Attached are (1) nomination procedures and guidelines, (2) program schedule, and (3) nomination forms. Official 2010 nomination forms are available for your convenience in MS Word and screen fillable Portable Document Format (PDF) at <http://epa.gov/ncer/staa/>. All nominations must be received no later than midnight ET Thursday, January 14, 2010. Instructions for completion and electronic submission of nomination packages are attached. Should questions arise, please contact Dr. Thomas O'Farrell at (202) 343-9639 or o'farrell.thomas@epa.gov.

cc: EPA Science Advisory Board
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